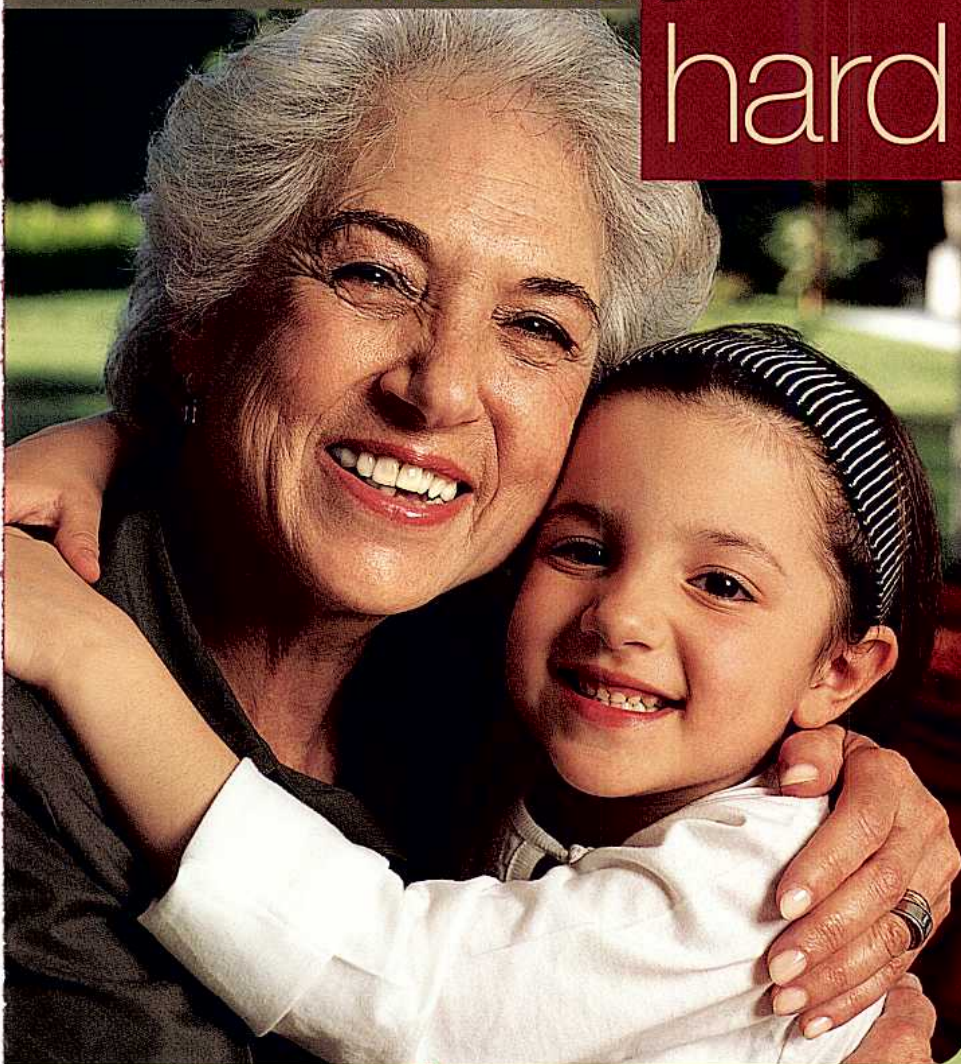


After **a lifetime** of  
hard work,



seniors **deserve**  
peace of mind...



# *...and* **Linda Sánchez** *is making sure that* **seniors get**

## **Making Prescription Drugs More Affordable**

Seniors may now have access to cheaper FDA-approved drugs and facilities thanks to the "Pharmaceutical Market Access Act of 2003" (H.R. 2427), which was recently passed by the House of Representatives. The Bill would allow seniors to save money by importing prescription drugs. American seniors pay too much for prescription drugs while foreigners can buy the exact same drugs—often made in the United States—at much lower prices.

## **Protecting Seniors From Abuse**

Americans should be able to enjoy their golden years without fear of abuse. I support the "Elder Justice Act" (H.R. 2490), which would crack down on nursing homes that abuse or neglect seniors and require prompt reporting of crimes in long-term care settings.

## **Defending Social Security**

I am deeply committed to preserving Social Security. That's why I'm working to ensure the Social Security Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is calculated fairly. When health care costs increase, seniors are too often left to foot the bill. The "Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act," (H.R. 2262) which I support, would take rising health care costs into consideration when calculating the COLA.



**"Call my office at 562-429-8499 if you ever need assistance with problems concerning Social Security, Medicare, or any federal government issue. Feel free to express your thoughts or suggestions to me on any government matter. I want to help and represent you in any way that I can."**

*—Congresswoman Linda Sánchez*



# what they've earned

**"I am a veteran** of World War II and was having trouble getting the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to review my request for a larger veterans' disability pension. So, I asked Congresswoman Linda Sánchez for help. She and her staff got to work right away. The U.S. Board of Veterans Appeals ruled that my pension should be increased. I'm very pleased with Congresswoman Sánchez's willingness to go to bat for me."

—**Alexander Salazar**, Whittier, CA



*Linda Sánchez discusses the changes that are needed in Medicare and Social Security with seniors in our district.*

## Congresswoman Linda Sánchez Proudly Presents Her First Annual Senior Fair

**When:** Wednesday, August 27, 2003, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**What:** Senior Citizen Information Fair

Dozens of exhibitors from throughout our region will offer information and services of interest for seniors. Seniors will be able to receive free health screenings (including vision, hearing, blood, and foot screenings), and financial assistance (including elder law, housing, and financial planning advice). Also attending will be local representatives from regional and federal agencies and senior advocacy organizations.

**Where:** Lakewood Center Mall, Center Court, Lakewood, California 90712  
(Intersection of Lakewood & Del Amo Boulevards)

**For more information:** Call Jackie in the Office of Congresswoman Linda Sánchez at 562-429-8499



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Congresswoman Sánchez is visiting senior centers throughout the district including the communities of Artesia, Cerritos, Paramount, Watts, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Los Nietos, Whittier, Lakewood, Lynwood, and Long Beach.

*Linda Sánchez meets with seniors at a local senior center to discuss government issues.*

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